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Amendment Transmittal Letter

Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified patent application. The non-small entity fee has been calculated in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.16 (b), (c) and (d) as follows:

Claims As Amended

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	10	Minus	21	=	0 x	18 =	\$0.00
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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 25, 2003,
the following amendments and remarks are submitted for your consideration.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.